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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Traci L. Casler

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 April 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-33 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-33 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 33 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is in response to papers filed on April 30, 2007.
2. Claims 32-33 have been added.
3. Claims 1-33 are pending.
4. Claims 1-33 are rejected.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

5. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

6. Claims 1-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

7. Claims 1, 11, 22, 29 and 32-33 all contain the limitation of evaluating the invention. The examiner notes that the disclosure discusses that an invention can be evaluated on based on it's patentability, it's legal aspects it's commercial viability and technical aspect. However, the disclosure fails to teach on one would evaluate the submitted invention information for these aspects. The disclosure mentions it

represents human or automated activities. This begs the question of how is the evaluation "module" of the system claims accomplished. Furthermore, what steps do humans take in order to evaluate the invention. What is the basis of the evaluation?

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

8. Claims 1-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US 20020032659 A1 Waters; System and Method for Obtaining and Developing Technology for Market in view of US Patent 6298327 Hunter et al; Expert Support System for Authoring Invention Disclosures.

9.

10. s to claims 1, 11, 22, 29 and 31-33 Waters teaches:

Receiving information regarding inventive ideas(Pg. 3 ¶ 6).

Evaluating invention potential(Pg. 3 ¶ 19).

Providing database of information to potential costumers of inventions(Pg. 3 ¶ 19).

11. However, Waters fails to teach "classifying" the inventions into class/subclass and "technical categories. Hunter teaches classifying the inventions according to the USPTO classification schedule(C. 12 I. 24-27). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of invention to combine Hunter with Waters as by classifying the invention this will assist in prior art identification helping establish any legal or commercial viability.

12. As to claims 2, 12 and 23 Waters teaches the evaluation as prior art searches (Pg. 3 ¶ 19).
13. As to claims 3, 13 and 26 Waters teaches the computer processing controlling the interactions between users(Pg. 3 ¶18).
14. As to claims 4, 15 and 24 Waters being possibilities for funding(Pg. 5 ¶31).
15. As to claims 9 and 17 Waters teaches indicating current patent art pertaining to invention(Pg. 4 ¶24).
16. As to claims 10 and 18 Waters teaches controlling access to the customers(Pg. 5 ¶30).
17. As to claims 7, 20 and 27 Waters teaches paying inventor royalties(Pg. 5 ¶30).
18. As to claim 14 Waters teaches anonymity between users(Pg. 3 ¶17).
19. As to claim 16 Waters teaches refining invention after initial evaluation(Pg. 4 ¶21).
20. As to claim 25 Waters teaches experts(humans) reviewing inventions(Pg. 3 ¶ 19). The examiner notes that this limitation, although taught by the prior art, is considered intended use. By having a human perform functions of the process is merely how applicant intends to use the process.
21. As to claim 30 Waters teaches a company running the databases.(Pg. 4 ¶ 26).
22. Claims 8, 21 and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US 20020032659 A1 Waters in view of US Patent 6298327 Hunter et al; Expert

Support System for Authoring Invention Disclosures as applied to claims 1-7, 9-20, 22-27 and 29-33 .

23. As to claims 8, 21 and 28 Waters teaches a information disclosure process and disclosure review. However, Waters and Hunter fail to teach translating information into the desired languages. It would have been obvious to one of skill in the art at the time of invention to combine this limitation with Waters so as to not limit the type or nationality of costumers who may be interested in funding an invention.

Response to Arguments

24. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-33 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

25. As all applications arguments are drawn to the aspect of "classification" the examiner notes the arguments have been address previously in the above rejection therefore the arguments are moot.

Conclusion

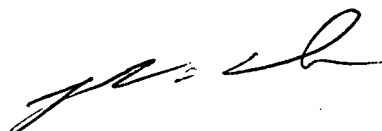
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Traci L. Casler whose telephone number is 571-272-6809. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 6:00 am-4:30 pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Weiss can be reached on 571-272-6812. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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